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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Bangkok Bureau -- July 1985

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I. GENERAL

The bureau management turnover, with Deputy Chief [redacted] departing PCS on 26 July and the bureau chief the following week, was compounded by the TDY departure of Engineer [redacted] on the 29th for Hq to observe the testing of the electronic equipment associated with the bureau's ROSET. A Thai Government interagency meeting, which is to take up for a third time the bureau's request for specified microwave frequencies to link the ROSET site at Bang Ping to the bureau offices, was rescheduled for 2 August. Illustrative of the bureaucratic complications we have encountered was an unexpected development at the second meeting: the representative of an agency that has been a key to opening doors for us failed to concur with our request and referred the issue back to his agency, evidently unbriefed on the positive role his agency had been playing. We quickly went over his head to straighten matters out, but it meant another month's delay before the interagency meeting convened again.

Cambodian military developments having dominated attention during the dry season, political jockeying for position characterizes the current rainy season. The ASEAN foreign ministers on 8 July adopted the Thai version of proposed proximity talks, in which the Heng Samrin representatives would be a part of the Vietnamese negotiating side. This has elicited sharp criticism from the Vietnamese media. On 15 July the clandestine Voice of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea and Voice of Democratic Kampuchea carried a policy statement, dated 6 July, of the resistance coalition saying that a future Cambodian government would be a "liberal capitalist" and parliamentary regime. The next day the two radios carried a statement containing rare mentions of Pol Pot, who was portrayed as a nationalist patriot engaging in struggle against the Vietnamese invaders.

II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau has instituted a special Thai military radio commentary watch for 6 weeks to support a study by a Headquarters consumer.

2. Since Okinawa Bureau's Vietnamese section has been reduced to one monitor due to redocumentation travel and that monitor does not work on Sundays, the bureau's Vietnamese section is covering the Sunday Hanoi Domestic Vietnamese 1000 and 1100 GMT casts for priority material until OW's section is full strength on 4 August. Bangkok's own Vietnamese section is hampered by four redocumentation trips this summer as well. In spite of this, the bureau has maintained full Vietnamese coverage.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

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1. Editor [redacted] arrived PCS on 9 July.

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2. Editor [redacted] left for Headquarters PCS on 15 July.

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3. Deputy Chief designate [redacted] arrived PCS on 19 July.

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4. Deputy Chief [redacted] departed PCS on 26 July.

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5. Teletypist [redacted] received a Certificate of Merit and  
and a \$500 cash award for outstanding performance at a 25 July bureau  
ceremony.

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6. The bureau has selected a candidate for a new ROSET-related technician  
slot from among several good prospects.

7. Over 30 responses have been received to our notice in the embassy  
weekly announcing a new receptionist position.

#### B. Building and Grounds

The bureau's new admin area on the second floor has been completed and  
is ready to be occupied.

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## BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	723,150
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	269,160
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,595

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II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	19,610	20,330	254.00
	min.	min.	issues

III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			
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AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	21,830
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English	0
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English	1,570
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English	0

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	0
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	2,970
* Dhaka Overseas Service in English	330
Dhaka BSS in English	1,530
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali	0
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English	440

BRUNEI

Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English	900
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BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	6,030
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in. Burmese	0

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BURMA (continued)

Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese	0
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese	0
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English	4,190

CHINA

Beijing International Service in Bengali	1,200
Beijing International Service in Burmese	190
Beijing International Service in Indonesian	2,140
Beijing International Service in Lao	1,510
Beijing International Service in Thai	2,520
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	3,680
Beijing in Hindi to India	0
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	260
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Vietnam Resistance Radio in Vietnamese	0
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	32,650
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	6,830
(Clandestine) Voice of The National Army Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	13,070
(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Burma in Burmese	0
(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Malaysia in Malay	5,700

INDIA

Delhi Domestic Service in English	46,150
* Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	5,530
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	3,870
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English	1,580

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INDIA (continued)

Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English	0
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali	320
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English	1,540
Delhi INDIA TODAY in English	0
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English	0
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English	1,060
Delhi PATRIOT in English	1,530
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English	3,370
Madras THE HINDU in English	0

INDONESIA

Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	10,740
Jakarta International Service in English	1,590
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian	1,780
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English	3,550
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian	3,890
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian	1,150
Jakarta SINAR HARAPAN in Indonesian	230
Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian	1,370
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English	3,500

KAMPUCHEA

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	38,800
Phnom Penh SPK in English	11,220
Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane	0
Phnom Penh SPK in French	13,010
Phnom Penh VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi	0

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LAOS

Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	40,150
Vientiane KPL in English	19,940
Vientiane KPL in English/French to SPK Phnom Penh	0
Vientiane SPK in French to SPK Phnom Penh	0
Vientiane VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi	0
Vientiane PASASON in Lao	0

MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	3,730
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	3,560
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	15,320
Kuala Lumpur BERITA HARIAN in Malay	1,340
Kuala Lumpur BERITA MINGGU in Malay	0
Kuala Lumpur MINGGUAN MALAYSIA in Malay	0
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English	7,390
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English	300
Kuala Lumpur UTUSAN MALAYSIA in Malay	0

NEPAL

Katmandu External Service in English	650
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English	1,960

PAKISTAN

Karachi Domestic Service in English	13,790
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	12,890
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	1,820

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SINGAPORE

Singapore Domestic Service in English	4,590
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English	2,340
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English	0

SRI LANKA

Colombo Domestic Service in English	980
Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil	0
Colombo International Service in English	1,920
Colombo International Service in Hindi	890
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English	0
Colombo SUN in English	0
Colombo WEEKEND in English	2,620

THAILAND

* Bangkok 1st Army Division Radio in Thai	1,130
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	2,700
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	18,580
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian	1,290
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	5,960
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Lao	0
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	3,040
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Vietnamese	0
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English	45,740
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English	15,820
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai	460
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai	0
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai	10,250

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THAILAND (continued)

Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai	0
Bangkok NAEQ NA in Thai	1,370
Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai	560
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai	2,490
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai	0
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai	4,000
Bangkok THE NATION in English	57,430
Bangkok WIWAT in Thai	840
* Bangkok WONGCHON KAN THUT in Thai	6,630

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow International Service in Tamil	0
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian	650
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	910
Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea	4,260
Moscow in Hindi to India	730
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	1,350
Moscow in Lao to Laos	1,080
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	650
Moscow in Urdu to India	0
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	2,480

UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	2,570
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VIETNAM

Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	90,610
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VIETNAM (continued)

Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0
Hanoi International Service in English	11,210
Hanoi International Service in Thai	1,860
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese to NHAN DAN Ho Chi Minh City	0
Hanoi VNA in English	5,810
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese	12,110
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese	7,080
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese	0

(Note: Irregular Coverage during month is marked with an asterisk)